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FORTY-SECOND YEAR

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Prices are going. Down hill on a greased track. We are going to give you a cheap Xmas dinner. No use telling you of the quality, for you know we keep THE BEST. Prices speak for themselves.

1-lb Garton Seeded Raisins.	10c
" " Mince Meat,	10c
" Drum Chopped Peel,	20c
3-lb Muscatell Raisins	25c
" Cleaned Currants	25c
7-lb Muscatell Raisins	1.15
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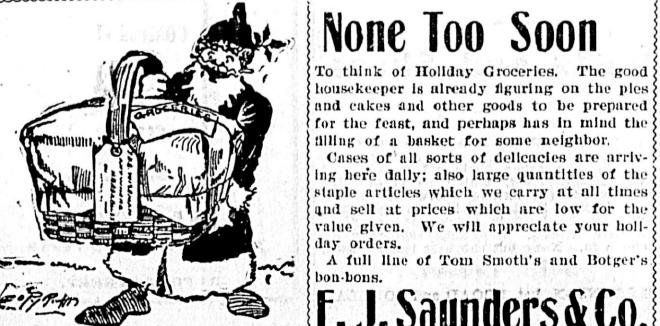
## None Too Soon

To think of Holiday Groceries. The good housekeeper is already figuring on the pies and cakes and other goods to be prepared for the feast, and perhaps has in mind the filling of a basket for some neighbor.

Cases of all sorts of delicacies are arriving here daily; also large quantities of the staple articles which we carry at all times and sell at prices which are low for the value given. We will appreciate your holiday orders.

A full line of Tom Smith's and Botger's bon-bons.

**E. J. Saunders & Co.**



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7s, 3s and 12s

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A Beautiful Line of Manicure Sets in Sterling Silver  
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INSIST ON GETTING  
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*Chase & Sanborn's Coffees*  
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LEADING GROCERS.

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Under Instructions from a man who wants the best returns he can get, I will sell on

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At Salerooms, 77, 79 and 81 Douglas St.

Desirable Furniture

Including Arm Upholstered Chairs, Rocker, Box Sets, Mattresses, Dining and Centre Tables, Single Lounge, Carpets, Crockery, Meat Sets, Rogers Silver Tea Sets, Eight-Day Clock, Brie-Brac, Range and Cook Stoves, Air-Tight and other ranges, Bright Boiler, etc.; also POP DUGG'S, SIEGMAR, RUNNITS, LADIES' and GENTS' RIDING SADDLES, etc. No reserve.

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**AUCTION & SALE**

At 62 DOUGLAS STREET.

**RALPH CHURTON**

Will Sell...

TO-DAY, (Tuesday), 2 p.m.

**Household Furniture**

Cooking and Heating Stoves, Calligraph Typewriter, Sewing Machines, Complete Number of Engravings, Silk Handkerchiefs, Smoking Jackets, Gent's Dressing Case and other articles suitable for Xmas presents; also 5-lb. boxes of high-class Tea, and a useful Spring Cart.

**AUCTION**

W. Jones, Auctioneer, is instructed to sell on the premises, corner Cook and Chatham streets, at

2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15

Five Piano, Upholstered Chairs, Bed Lounges, Mahogany Chairs, Wattnot, Calend and Eight-Day Clocks, Carpets, Pictures, B. W. Dining Extension Table and Chairs, B. W. Washstand, Coal Scuttle, Cutlery, Wardrobe, Book Case, Air-Tight and other Heaters, Toilet Sets, No. 8 Albin Kitchen Range, Kitchen Cabinet Table, Chairs, Linoleum, Dresser, 3 Hardwood, Bedroom Suites, Woven Wire and Hair Mattresses, Crockery and Kitchen Utensils, etc. Terms cash.

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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,

• TO-NIGHT •

Commencing at 8 O'clock.

ARTISTS: Miss Goodwin, Miss Duffy, Miss McPherson, Mr. J. Hill, Mr. G. J. Burnett, Mr. B. J. Bantley.

Chorus of 30 Voices. Admission Free Offering During Evening Performance.

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## VAN ANDA'S PROGRESS

The Plant at the Texada Mines to Be Improved to Ensure Continuous Profits.

Messrs Blewett and Treat Visit Victoria—High Praise for the Cornell.

Messrs. E. Blewett and H. W. Treat, the two gentlemen who, in the opening up of rich Texada, have done so much toward pointing the world to the rich mineral resources of Vancouver and adjacent islands, are guests at the Hotel Orlard. Their business here is in connection with the further improvement of the company's Texada properties, which promise very soon to be earning substantial profits for the shareholders.

"The Van Ande company has now been working continuously for three years," said Mr. Treat yesterday, "and is rapidly approaching the profit-making point. Between now and then, however, it is absolutely necessary that we have a fresh air drill plant, which we are beginning to put in, and also a smelter on the ground, a large additional expense being incurred in the meanwhile in the development of the property.

"All these new works will consume not less than \$50,000, to be expended over a period of about four months. In order to make a net profit it is only necessary for us now to have a plant for the treatment and extraction of the gold in our ore in sufficient quantity to feed the smelter. Many of our stockholders are in Victoria—in fact, the thirteen original owners of the property were Victorians—and we are now here to confer with them in regard to the proposed further expenditures.

"Mr. Blewett and myself furnished the capital to develop the property in return for a half interest in it, and after we had spent many thousand dollars on it we organized a company, the Van Ande Gold Mining Company, which company now has a considerable quantity or stock in the treasury. We are obliged at present to raise a large amount of money for the proper development of the mine, and the only question is as to the best way of going about it—whether by an issue of stock or working on the credit of the company.

"The company has now its property free and clear of incumbrance, with sufficient ore in sight to justify the contemplated expenditure. The development will continue along while a gang of prospectors is continually employed looking for new mines. We had a little strike a few days ago, the men wanting an increase from \$3 a day they were getting that is all over now, however, and everything is moving smoothly.

"The company's shipping mines at present are the Cornell, with a capacity of thirty tons a day; the Copper Queen, turning out fourteen tons per day; and the Little Billy and Frances, producing three tons each—or fifty tons a day in all, enough to run one furnace. We propose to put in two 50-ton furnaces, but use only one for the present.

"The ore will average \$30 a ton in value, and as \$10 a ton will cover all the costs of mining, handling and smelting, we will have a net profit for \$20 a tons as soon as the smelting plant is finished and in operation. All four of these mines have already taken their place as actual shippers, the ore they have sent to outside smelters being uniformly rich enough to pay satisfactory net profits.

"There is every indication, too, that they will be reliable, lasting producers, the formation in all four being very similar—the ore lying between lime and porphyry, and carrying copper and silver principally, but with from \$5 to \$10 in gold—running from \$20 to \$50 a ton. I look upon the latest find in the Cornell as establishing it in the position of the greatest mine in all America. I certainly have never before seen anything equal to it."

MARINE NOTES.

Owing to the low stage of the tides, the City of Kingston will until Friday arrive at and depart from the outer wharf.

Steamer Cottage City is due from the North and steamship Empress of India from the Orient this morning.

The little steamer Alarm returned on Sunday from her first expedition to the Indian banks off the entrance of the Straits.

The freighter Oscar came in yesterday from Union with coke. She leaves today for Westminster with a load of powder.

The R. M. S. Empress of India will leave from the Orient to-day. She is expected to make a smart run across, and should therefore arrive during the morning.

Little hope is now entertained for the safety of the British ship Laundbank, which left Shanghai August 31 last for Portland. She is now 104 days out, and re-insurance is quoted at 91 per cent.

Re-insurance on the Camborne, 65 days out from Kobe for Tacoma, is now 25 per cent.; on the Jules Verne, bound for San Francisco from Newcastle, N. S., W., 80 days out, 10 per cent., while the rate is the same on the Celtic Bard, 82 days out from Hongkong for San Francisco, and the Garnet Hill, 69 days out from Astoria, bound for Tacoma.

Rumor has it on the water front that the steamer Fastnet, now on the Star ways being overhauled, will be placed in the West Coast business this season. The first class steamship Amur is being put in thorough running order and will resume her place in the Northern service before the close of the present month.

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation etc., is the best, and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Cyrus H. Bowes.

If you are tired taking the large old-fashioned griping pills, try Carter's Little Liver Pills and take some comfort. A man can't stand everything. One pill a dose. Try them.

A Scarp in Prospect.—Frank Britton, the Mainland pugilist, came over from the Mainland yesterday evening, with the intention of making arrangements for a meeting with Young Bill of this city. The negotiations are said to have resulted satisfactorily, although the date of the engagement is not yet fixed.

From Westminster.—The following were passengers from New Westminster by the steamer Princess Louise last evening: Rev. C. Paddon, J. W. Sinclair, W. M. Robson, F. Western, R. A. Evans, F. Cowley, Mrs. J. Robertson, J. Phillips, W. Downell, J. V. Ker, C. D. Worg, J. Gault, J. C. Campbell.

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Winter Underwear—40c. 50c. 75c \$1.00. 100 doz. English Merino Sox, 12½c. per pair. B. Williams & Co.

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## FREED FROM THE REEF

## IN THE THEATRES.

After Three Months on the Rocks the Boscowitz Is Brought to Port.

Raised From Her Precarious Position by Means of Empty Barrels.

The old reliable northern steamer Barnard Boscowitz, which was wrecked on High Water rock near Kitkahtla, three months ago, is in port. She came in yesterday at noon in tow of the steamer Thistle, to the astonishment of all on the water front, and particularly to the surprise of Capt. J. D. Warren, who was agent at the time she was wrecked, on September 16 last, and commanded her for many years during the pioneer days of steamboating on the Coast. There was a general exodus of curious ones to the rice mills wharf when she was made fast. No one knew that she had been even floated, and many had thought that raising her was an impossibility. The task certainly presented many obstacles, but was accomplished by the application of a simple method, namely, the filling of the hold with empty barrels and allowing the ship to float herself at high water. This was Capt. Wallace Langley's idea and worked so well that the very first day the steamer yielded to the buoyancy thus created, and was towed to a smooth beach near by, patched up and brought to Victoria. It was on December 1 that the vessel cleared the rocks and her presence in port tells the story clearly of one of the finest wrecking undertakings on record this year, for which the credit is due to Capt. Langley. The Boscowitz is badly disfigured, her upper works being carried away, nothing but the stumps of the masts being left, and over one of these floats proudly a big Union Jack. Her hull, however, is in no way impaired as to staunchness, though several holes have been made in her bottom. The Boscowitz is one of those vessels that are made to last, being as strong as wood, iron and copper could make her; in fact she is a marvel as to strength and workmanship. It was only last year that the Boscowitz was fitted up with new machinery and boilers, and those vital parts being put into the boat with the same care that was manifested in the building of her hull, still retain their position, and only require a little cleaning to put them in first-class running order. The Boscowitz is, therefore, a nice pick-up. Steam was up yesterday in her main boiler, and with comparatively small expense the steamer can be put in running order again. The steamer Thistle, Capt. Bissett, was gone from port just 18 days. She had made a trip previously, but this proved unsuccessful. This time Capt. Langley superintended the work personally, accompanied by Mr. T. P. West and Diver McDonald.

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LABOR MEN IN CONFERENCE.

A Proposed Workingman's Weekly for Victoria—Platform for Consideration of Committee of Fifty.

The largest meeting that the local Trades and Labor Council have held in many a month was held yesterday evening, when among other communications to invite discussion was one from Dr. J. de C. Hathaway, formerly of New Zealand, who asked the council to endorse a proposition he and associates have in hand looking to the publication of a workingman's weekly paper in this city. The endorsement of the representative labor body was solicited in order that with it a more effectual appeal might be made for stock. As the subject appears one deserving of careful consideration it was arranged to deal with it in all its bearings at a special meeting to-morrow night.

The Chinese question was another topic inviting interesting and extended debate, the outcome of which was the adoption of a resolution to the effect that "in the opinion of this council the rapid encroachment of the Chinese in all branches of trade throughout the city is a great drawback to and against the best interests of Victoria; and further, that the attention of the Committee of Fifty be directed to this evil, and they be asked to take some decided action thereon; and further that the workingmen of the city of Victoria be asked to co-operate towards this end by refusing to patronize any or all firms who are in the habit of dealing, directly or indirectly, with Chinese, no matter what trade or business such firms may represent."

The municipal politics platform of the local council of Vancouver come in for full share of discussion, and a somewhat similar declaration of principles was agreed upon, for submission also to the Citizen's Committee, as follows:

1. The abolition of the property qualification for civic office.

2. The abolition of the contract system on public works.

3. Tax reform by lessening taxation on improvements and increasing it on land values.

4. Public ownership of electric street railways, electric lighting plants, and the advocating of an extension of the electric plant in this city so that private lights may be supplied, and the city thereby derive a direct revenue therefrom; also public ownership of gas and similar works.

The use of the union label on city printing and the police and firemen's clothing.

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Sick Headache, yet Carter's Little Liver Pills are equally valuable in Constitution, curing and preventing the malady.

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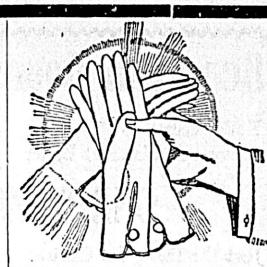
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Lavender Dress Gloves, 75c, \$1.00  
White Dress Bows, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c  
Dents' Dog Skin Gloves, . \$1.50  
Dents' Dog Skin "Silk Lined, \$1.75  
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Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental.

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Silk Table Covers, Mantel Drapes, Chair Tidies, Cushions, Chairbacks, at Weiler Bros.'

Give the wife one of our handsome Bedroom Suites and you will simply delight her. Weiler Bros.

Just arrived—the largest variety of Carvers, with or without cases, Table Knives, Plated Table Ware, Sheffield knife and warranted, at Fox's, 78 Government street.

Positively the last chance for bargains in gold watches, diamond rings and brooches, as we are closing out entire stock, on account of illness. Lange & Co., 86 Douglas street.

Pocket diaries for 1899, in many qualities, sizes and prices at the Victoria Book & Stationery Co. (late Jamie's son's).

Don't forget the Children's Carnival at the A. O. U. hall Wednesday and Thursday, December 14 and 15, 2:30 p.m.

Useful presents—Ladies' Companions, Scissor Cases, Fine English Purse, Shaving Sets, etc., at Fox's, 78 Government street. See our large variety of Ladies' Gents' Boys' and Girls' Pocket and Sporting Knives.

Election Petition Preliminaries—There was an inspection of the ballots in the Martin vs. Deane election case yesterday, and in the petition against Mr. Booth's election in North Victoria an order was made, on application of Mr. Prior, on behalf of respondent, for particulars of the alleged corrupt practices.

Overlooked the Cash.—While Mr. Thomas Preece, foreman of the waterworks, was at church on Sunday evening, his residence, No. 33 Fernwood road, was forcibly opened, the lock of the front door being broken. Nothing was taken, the burglars overlooking a considerable sum of money that was in the house.

TO THE CIGAR SMOKERS OF VICTORIA.

In view of all that has been said in reference to the cry of "British Columbians" for British Columbians, the cigar-makers of Victoria make this appeal to the public: At the present time there are a large number of idle cigar-makers in the city, and if Eastern goods continue to be shipped here in hundreds of thousands, there will not be 10 cigar-makers here.

If 10 per cent. of the cigar-smokers would insist on buying union-made cigars, the local union would have a membership of 100. One hundred men at an average of \$15 per week is \$1,500, every cent of which would be spent in Victoria. There is not a wholesale merchant in Victoria that handles local made cigars, but they are the first ones to cry "Patronize home industry." Tell everybody that a local made cigar is better than a cigar made anywhere else. Insist on having a cigar with the union label on, for a cigar with the union label on is a better cigar than one without it.

INTERNATIONAL UNION NO. 211 OF VICTORIA.

Kid Gloves reduced from \$1.25 to 75c. a pair; all sizes to day at The Sterling, 88 Yates Street.

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They are delicious. Ask your Grocer for them.  
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Assizes Postponed—The Raynes shooting case, which came up at the assize court yesterday, was again adjourned until January 16, as some of the important witnesses could not attend.

To Elect Officers—Colfax Rebekah Lodge I. O. O. F. meets this evening to elect officers for the ensuing term.

"Iolanthe" Rehearsal.—Those taking part in the production of "Iolanthe" are informed that there will be a full rehearsal at the Pioneer Hall, Broad street, this evening, at 5 o'clock.

Merry Dancers at Chemainus.—Fifty or sixty fun-loving young people have to thank Captain and Mrs. J. S. Gibson for a delightful evening of dancing at Chemainus last Saturday, for which the Williams and Shelby orchestra from this city furnished the music. The Captain and Mrs. Gibson have also arranged for a mask ball at Chemainus on the evening of January 12.

Evangelistic Services.—The Gospel hall at 148 Government street is well filled nightly with earnest men and women anxious as to their own spiritual welfare or desirous of doing others good. The meetings are being conducted by Messrs. McClure and McFadyen, the former of whom had charge of similar services last year, and whose plain and forcible exposition of the scriptures cannot fail to impress each and all attending.

Mr. Burnett's Recital.—One of the most attractive musical events for this evening will be the free sacred recital at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

A great acquisition to the programme is Miss Goodwin's notable soprano voice,

which has recently attained such general popularity.

A charming duet by Miss Clark and Mr. Pillings, assisted by the choir, with two choruses, and a diversity of organ music comprises the programme.

The Guard of Honor.—In accordance with instructions from Lieut.-Col. Peters, D.O.C., that the Fifth regiment C. A. detail the usual guard of honor to attend His Honor the Lieut.-Governor at the opening of the local legislative assembly on the 5th January next at 3 p.m., a battalion order has been issued by Lieut.-Col. Gregory, directing that "the non-commissioned officers and men of the First battalion will parade at the Drill hall on Thursday, the 5th January, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of forming a guard of honor to His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor on the opening of the legislative assembly."

Cold at Bennett.—A private letter from Lake Bennett, bearing date of the 1st December, gives the news that the thermometer at that time registered 25 degrees below zero. The weather was clear and bracing, however, and no one suffered from the extreme low temperature.

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Musical Events.—There was a large attendance at the concert given last evening in the school room of St. John's church under the direction of Mr. A. Longfield. The programme was an exceedingly good one and the audience appreciative. Miss Trotter's recitations were particularly well received, she first giving "Bobby Shaftoe" and in response to an encore, "The Auction of Batchelor's."

Dr. Robertson was also rewarded with an encore, singing in response to a popular song, "Leave Me Not" was prettily sung by Miss A. Stoddart and being encored she sang "Carmencita."

Mrs. Belyea also sang very acceptably "That Traitor Love."

The other numbers on the programme were also well rendered, those taking part, and sharing equal honors being Miss F. Whitaker and Mr. A. Longfield in a piano duet; Capt. Monroe, vocal solo, "The King and I"; Miss Jameson, Mrs. Janion and Mr. Moxon, a trio, "Queen of the Night"; piano solo, Miss R. Stoddart; vocal solo, Miss Hibben; solo, "The Cuckoo Song"; Miss Jameson, "cello solo," "Romance"; Mr. Rochon; violin solo, "Mazurka Rondo"; Miss R. Stoddart; solo, "Oh, Hear the Wild Winds Blow"; Mr. Moxon; solo, "Spring is Here"; Mrs. Anderson and selection by the Douglas Mandolin band. On Sunday evening at the close of evensong an organ recital was given in St. John's church. Those taking part, besides Mr. Longfield, the organist, being Mrs. Belyea and Mr. J. G. Brown in vocal solos, and Mr. Ernest Powell in a violin solo. All were most acceptably rendered.

On Steel-Shod Feet.—It is not often that Victorians enjoy the good old Eastern delight of ice skating, and the pond at Colwood was in consequence crowded with athletic young people on Sunday last and yesterday, the ice being excellent and the merriment unrestrained.

About 200 went from the city by train and by arrangement made for them by the railway company secured free entry to the ice. All others paid 25 cents each, for the pond is on private property and the owner believes in the principle of making hay while the sun shines.

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Parcel Post Packages—A departmental circular issued to all postmasters in Canada relative to parcel post packages, contains the following: "The attention of postmasters is further called to the fact that no parcel can be sent from Canada to any other country by parcel post unless it bear a customs declaration setting forth the nature of its contents and its value. As the acceptance by a postmaster of a parcel addressed to any other country, and not provided with a customs declaration will result in its being sent to the dead letter office, postmasters are specially directed not to accept such parcels without the customs declaration."

No Confirmation.—None of the latest arrivals from the Northland confirm or place the slightest credence in the sensational report that upwards of a thousand outbound Klondike and Athabaskan miners are stuck at Tagish lake, unable to get through to the coast on account of the three feet of deep snow. Mr. W. H. T. Olive, who came down three weeks ago, says there were no miners at the lake when he left, while Mr. N. D. Macnay, who started from White Horse fully a week later than this, reports that all was clear there, and no one looked for from down river points for some weeks. Mr. Olive says there may be twenty or thirty men at Tagish, but no more; and these could have but little difficulty in getting through to connect with the railway at the summit of White Horse. The relay service was all ready for use when he left the North and the first of the miners coming out from Dawson over the ice were looked for at Bennett about the first week in January.

Queer Doings in Alberni.

Ballot Boxes for Coming Election

Turned Over to an Alien—The

Government's Spies.

I. O. G. T. Entertainment.—"That

Blessed Baby" is the title of a farce

presented for the first time in the city at

last Saturday evening's entertainment in the Temperance hall. Those taking part were A. Semple, who filled the role of John Thomas, a servant; Miss Mary Wilson, known in the east as Sarah Ann, a servant girl; Miss Agnes Wilson (Mrs. Lever), Miss Young (niece of Mrs. Lever); Mr. Andrews (Franklin Pickle), a bachelor who had a horror of babies; and F. Dresser (a policeman). The baby was the child of the two servants, and the story of the play hinges on this fact. The play is full of funny incidents which caused sounds of laughter. The entertainment was well patronized. Mr. J. Dresser presided and there was on the programme in addition to the farce the following numbers: Piano duet, piano solo, vocal solo, etc.

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## THE CONTEMPT CASES.

Motion to Commit Manager and Editor of the Colonist Argued in Court.

Point Raised That Mr. Justice Martin's Appointment to the Bench Is Invalid.

There were some interesting features about the argument heard by Mr. Justice Drake yesterday on the motion on behalf of J. D. Prentice, the respondent in the East Lillooet election case to commit for contempt of court W. H. Ellis, manager, and C. H. Lugrin, editor of the Colonist. The ground stated in the motion for asking the commitment of these gentlemen was that "the said W. H. Ellis and C. H. Lugrin while the proceedings in this petition are still pending and while a certain application to strike out the said petition was and is still pending, were guilty of contempt of the honorable court and for their aid and abetment of their contempt of court in writing and publishing in the issues of the Daily Colonist of Saturday, October 22, 1898; Thursday, November 17, 1898, and Tuesday, November 22, 1898, articles commenting upon the proceedings herein and which are and were intended and calculated to scandalize this honorable court and to prejudice or interfere with the fair trial of the petition herein, and which said comments were and are intended by means of calumniating the Honorable Mr. Justice Martin, one of the judges of this honorable court, to deter the Honorable Mr. Justice Martin, one of the judges of this honorable court, from hearing or determining any questions arising herein," etc.

Perhaps the most interesting of all the contentions raised by Mr. Gordon Hunter, who appeared for Messrs. Ellis and Lugrin, was that the Dominion government had no right to appoint Mr. Justice Martin a judge of the Supreme court, but that the appointment was ultra vires, as Mr. Justice Martin is not qualified under the Supreme Court act to be as judge of that court. Therefore, being not a judge of the Supreme court, he could not sit in the election case and no contempt had been committed.

When Mr. L. P. Duff, who appeared on behalf of the motion, rose to open the proceedings Mr. Justice Drake remarked that it was hardly usual for a motion for contempt of court to come before any judge except the judge who is supposed to be prejudiced. He did not think that Mr. Duff could find any precedent. However, he would hear the case but did not wish to make a precedent of it.

Mr. Duff submitted that as it was a motion in court and not in chambers any one of the Supreme court judges could hear it and Mr. Justice Martin had intimated that he would not do so.

Mr. Justice Drake—Well, go on.

Mr. Duff was proceeding to give his reasons why Messrs. Ellis and Lugrin should be committed when Mr. Hunter said that he had several objections to raise to the jurisdiction and to the plaintiff's status. If the court held the proceedings to be well founded then he would ask for time to put in affidavits.

Mr. Justice Drake remarked that if Mr. Hunter had any preliminary objections now was the time to hear them.

Mr. Hunter held that this was a case of constructive contempt and the court had no power to deal with such in this summary manner, but that the remedy must be by indictment. He quoted a number of cases in support of this contention and quoted from the criminal code as laying down that no one commits contempt of court by making a fair comment on a court exercising judicial authority.

Mr. Justice Drake said that all the articles complained of were not on the same footing to his mind; that in the Colonist of October 22 was a comment in reference to a public appointment while that of November 17 was in reference to cases pending before the courts.

Mr. Hunter as to the jurisdiction of the court said that while the English Superior court had from time immemorial the inherent right to commit for contempt committed out of court it did not mean that the courts and houses of assembly in the colonies had any inherent right to do the same.

Mr. Justice Drake took the view that the Supreme court of British Columbia represented the Queen just as much as the Court of Queen's Bench in England.

Mr. Hunter argued that proceedings before a judge in chambers in election matters could not be considered a court of record because the statute in reference to this had given a judge sitting in an election trial the status of a court of record, but did not do so as regarded a judge in chambers and it was only a court of record that could punish for contempt in this way. Besides Mr. Justice Martin was not a judge of the Supreme court at all, his appointment by the Dominion government being ultra vires.

Mr. Justice Drake said that this question would have to be settled elsewhere; this court had no jurisdiction to say the Dominion had acted ultra vires in the matter.

Mr. Hunter failed to see that.

"What would be the effect of saying it was ultra vires?" asked Mr. Justice Drake. "Would it not have the effect of making Mr. Justice Martin step down?"

Mr. Hunter replied that it would have the effect of freeing his clients from the application made to commit them. While the Governor-General-in-council had full power to appoint judges, yet the province had the right to say what the qualification of these judges should be. Section 7 of the Supreme Court act read as follows:

"Any barrister of not less than ten years' standing and who has been in actual practice at the bar of the court for ten years shall be qualified to be appointed a judge of the court."

Mr. Hunter read an affidavit to show that Mr. Martin had been admitted to the bar of the province in 1894 and had been sworn in as judge on September 30 last. The section 7 of the Supreme Court act is or is not ultra vires and in a case like this where the liberty of the subject is involved the judge must take cognizance of this. The articles complained of, Mr. Hunter went on to say, had neither attempted to scandalize the Supreme court as a court nor a Supreme court judge as a judge. Besides the proper judge to deal with this was the judge before whom the case had come, the status of a party in the suit to complain of a party outside the suit depending on his showing that what the outsider did would prejudice the trial.

Mr. Duff in reply to Mr. Hunter said that the present mode of procedure was correct, because the criminal code only dealt with libel and as far as he knew no part of the criminal law dealt with the offence of prejudicing a fair trial and that the court had power to commit for contempt of court.

Mr. Justice Drake decided that the ob-

jections raised by Mr. Hunter were not such as to prevent the motion being heard.

Mr. Duff going on with his motion, referred to the fact of the Stoddart v. Prentice election case coming before Mr. Justice Martin on preliminary points and that judgment had not yet been delivered. While this was pending the following article had appeared in the Colonist:

### A JUDICIAL ANOMALY.

The Colonist does not desire to say anything calculated to reflect upon the judiciary of the province, either collectively or individually, but it cannot help thinking that the spectacle just presented of election cases being disposed of by a judge who was an active partisan in the recent contest is not edifying. We are far from desiring to intimate that Judge Martin will not endeavor to disabuse his mind of any political prejudices, or that any decision in any matter which he ought not to have made, or which any judge in the world would not arrive at under the same state of facts and law. The reference is solely to the public aspect of the matter. Judge Martin was a very active partisan during the late election. He had a perfect right to be so. This does not disqualify him in any way from sitting as a judge in the election cases. We mean, of course, legally disqualifying him. But his sitting in that capacity does not produce a good impression upon the public mind, and it would be very much better if he could see his way clear to permitting other members of the bench to take such cases. In making this observation, the Colonist repeats that it fully admits that Judge Martin will undoubtedly exercise his judicial functions without any desire to favor either one party or the other."

This could only refer to the particular petition of Stoddart v. Prentice. Mr. Duff argued. It was not a fair and honest criticism of what was taking place in the courts. This article was a contempt of court because it attempted to alter the course of justice. Mr. Justice Martin, who was disposing of the election matter, was told that it was "a judicial anomaly" and he was appealed to in the article to get another judge to sit. That was an attempt to get him to alter his determination to hear an election petition.

It was the highest possible contempt to try and make a judge take a course different to what he otherwise would take.

Mr. Justice Drake remarked that a judge in sitting was always supposed to be the best judge of his own conscience. He did not think that the article would prejudice Mr. Justice Martin's mind.

Mr. Duff considered the effect produced immaterial; it was the object intended that was the offence. It was an attempt by vituperation or at least condemnatory language to alter the course of justice and prevent Mr. Justice Martin from sitting.

An attempt to prevent a judge from hearing a case before him was an attempt to prejudice one of the litigants. Accordingly the plaintiff had a status to bring it before the court and the court could deal with it as it thought best.

Mr. Hunter argued in reply that there could only be status where a party bringing contempt to the notice of the court shows that the matter complained of does not prejudice his case. It was true that a court could initiate proceedings, but the status of the plaintiff was a different matter. Then the exact language complained of should be set out. There was an entire absence of any affidavit by Prentice, his agent, or even his solicitor. There was not a tittle of evidence of that kind. He did not know if he had a right to say so, but perhaps even Prentice himself did not know or even if he had opportunity to appeal. The fine was \$25 and costs \$5.

Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the question be referred to the mayor and city solicitor to report.

Ald. Humphrey thought it was the city that had been imposed on in the Elices case. He had spoken to several bakers, all of whom said that the so-called rolls were as a matter of fact ordinary bread.

Ald. MacGregor moved, seconded by Ald. Wilson, that Mr. Darling be informed that the council cannot remit a fine.

Ald. Kinsman said no red tape should be allowed to interfere with justice being done to a man.

Ald. Phillips' motion was carried.

Messrs. James Leigh & Son asked that David street, between Pleasant and Bridge streets, be opened up. Referred to the street committee to report.

In reply to Ald. Brazz, Solicitor

Mason said no answer had yet been received from the street railway company in connection with the continuation of the car service on Douglas street.

The city engineer reported as follows:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen—In compliance with a resolution of the city council referring to the city engineer the suggestion of the B. C. Electric Railway Co. relative to the strengthening of Point Ellice bridge in such a manner as to allow of unrestricted tram car traffic, I have the honor to report that the portion of Point Ellice bridge supported on piles could, at a comparatively small expense, be made sufficiently strong for all purposes of tramcar traffic. As regards the truss span, although I consider it perfectly safe for all traffic as regulated by existing by-laws, I would recommend that if heavier traffic is to be provided for, a new truss be erected, designed for the purpose for which it is intended to be used, instead of attempting to strengthen the existing truss.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. WILLIAMS,  
City Engineer.

The report was received and filed, and a copy will be forwarded to the street railway company.

The street committee recommended that a concrete gutter be laid on the west side of Government street, between Yates and Johnson, estimated cost \$91; that \$50 be spent on repairing Garibaldi road; that \$150 be expended in placing beach gravel on St. Charles street; and that a tar surface be laid on the Fort street cinder sidewalk, on the south side between Vancouver and Cook streets, estimated cost \$65.

Major Redfern suggested that the council consider the advisability of not laying concrete gutters until the property owners have laid permanent sidewalks, while Ald. Phillips objected to the proposed expenditure on St. Charles street.

Already half a mile of sidewalk had been laid on that street, although there are but two or three houses there.

The report was adopted.

Mr. F. G. Richards was elected deputy returning officer for the mayoralty election; Thomas Deansberg for the aldermanic election in Centre ward; J. H. Falconer for North ward and D. Sprague for South ward. The formal motion fixing the dates and places for the elections was passed. The nominations will be held on Monday, January 9, and the election on the 12th.

The council adjourned at 9:25.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THAT COMMITTEE.

Sir: Is it not close on two months since the citizens elected a Committee of Fifty to look into municipal affairs and report to a public meeting, and yet we have heard nothing from them, although in month's time our annual chance of showing our approval or otherwise of any platform will be passed, and municipal politics as an active force will be laid on the shelf for another twelve months, and so will the committee if they don't strike the iron at its hottest period, like all previous reform movements.

This would be a great misfortune, as I think a large number of the citizens welcome this latest attempt at reform, and endorsed the very representative nature of the committee, willingly giving them every encouragement. But I suppose it's the same old apathy of the special Victoria branch—sub-committees who cannot be got together, the members of which do not realize the responsibility of their positions enough to deny themselves the comforts of the fireside and the pleasures of the theatre or a whisky party, and when at last they do meet half an hour beyond the appointed time waste another thirty minutes discussing the previous day's success at golf, or the latest election protest, or "scrap" on the lacrosse field. Who is there that has not experienced this sort of thing again and again ad nauseam?

But, joking apart, this is a serious matter. It is not to be expected that the committee could give us a complete and exhaustive report on the multifarious subjects that it is to be hoped they have under consideration, but it is absolutely necessary, if they expect to keep the confidence of the public, without which they can do nothing, that they should submit a fairly complete report on all the subjects without any further delay, so that some up-to-date platform may be voted on at the coming election. A RESIDENT.

A COURT STENOGRAHHER.

Sir: For some time the bench and bar have been requesting the appointment of an official court stenographer at Nelson to take that court and attend to the work of the other towns in the district, where trials are held. Several applications for the position—men qualified by knowledge and experience in the work—have been put off by the Attorney-General on various pretexts.

To a more recent application the hon. gentleman answered that he had several months ago appointed a young lady to the position. No such appointment has been gazetted, and, if made, is highly improper, as it is obvious to anybody knowing the ways of courts that a woman is no fit person to listen to, take down and often read out evidence of a certain character frequently heard in a court of law. Apart from this, all expert stenographers know the unfitness of women for such work, arising from their nervous organization, which cause them to break down under the great mental and nervous strain inseparable from the work. The writer has seen a lady stenographer "go all to pieces" and burst into tears under the pressure of taking down a quick cross-examination. Incompetence—whether mental or physical—in such employment is a serious matter to litigants, accused, bench and bar; especially is this so in criminal cases, where appeal is taken and where unfitness of the stenographer may jeopardize the liberty or even the life of the accused; the record taken forming the basis on which the appellate court decides. No excuse should be permitted to operate against the appointment of a person fitted by sex, temperament, experience and ability for court stenography irrespective of "pull" or personal preference. If we have decided that it is too slow for this class of grade to creep along in the trial of a case, with counsel watching the judge's pen, let us have a man in the stenographer's seat, whose recommendations are that he is entitled by citizenship and through fitness for the work. A. J. PEN.

## HYPNOTISM.

Sir: It is recorded that Matius Scrofa, the Roman, held his hand in the flame of a torch till it was consumed, owing to some unworthy act committed by him. This has hitherto been considered an act of fortitude and hardihood. Now we have the true interpretation of the whole matter. According to Professor McEwen he simply hypnotized himself, and felt no pain, a la Shadrach Meshach and Abednego of Holy Writ, thus reducing his action to a very ordinary one.

While admitting the Professor's talent, I am afraid his belief in Biblical writings is not great.

EDWARD MALLANDAINE.

Victoria, Dec. 12, 1898.

## HYPNOTISM AND THE BIBLE.

Sir: I observe in your issue of yesterday a letter headed "Hypnotism and the Bible." The writer, "T.A.W.S.", says the former has its limitations and dangers. Everything has, and as regards people being hypnotized against their will, I have seen people that could not be put into that state when they went on the stage for that purpose. "T.A.W.S." suggestion of Mr. McEwen putting himself to the same test as the three Hebrew children is ridiculous, seeing that this science is only as yet in its infancy among Europeans; and does he think that to be a good Christian it is necessary to believe that a miracle was wrought in protecting those men from the destructive element into which they were thrown? Their preservation may have been quite consistent with a natural law, and until we are thoroughly acquainted with the higher laws of nature (if ever), we cannot tell what was miraculous if anything was. As the Colonist remarked, if Professor McEwen had given an exhibition a couple of hundred years ago it

After the opening service and the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last conference, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven submitted a most interesting report on Indian missions, which was adopted. Rev. Mr. Grundy, who has charge of the Chinese missions, likewise read a most interesting report, showing that the work has progressed most favorably since his arrival here three months ago.

Rev. Mr. Flinton moved that ladies be allowed to vote at vestry and committee meetings, but the motion was negatived.

The question of publishing a monthly church magazine was discussed and with the proposition to form a union of church workers was referred to a committee.

The members of the conference were entertained at dinner by the ladies of St. Barnabas church at the rectory and afterwards a festive evensong was held.

Rev. R. A. Bosanquet delivered a most able and eloquent address.

Stop that Cough! Take warning. It may lead to Consumption. A 25c. bottle of Shol's Cure may save your life. Sold by Cyrus H. Bowes.

PECULIAR AND PERTINENT.

A pet flea has been known to live six years.

A Laplander will often skate 150 miles in a day.

English wedding cakes are now imported by fashionable bakers.

The Royal City Journal tells of a girl whose first name is "Analyza."

At banquets during Elizabeth's time every guest came with his spoon in his pocket.

The Japanese are, as a race, so small that it is necessary to build specially low bicycles for them.

Of the 11,000,000 women in Italy about 2,000,000 are employed in industrial labor, and over 3,000,000 in agriculture.

Chinese babies are fed on rice and nothing else, except the mother's milk.

Cow's milk is never given to them.

A new element is now introduced into a London fog by the weird tools of the motor-cabs, which have become so general since last winter.

These last winter buried in Westminster Abbey is George Graham, the instrument maker, who invented an improved clock-work in the year 1700.

Covert Coats strap seems \$12.00.

Chesterfield Overcoat \$7.00, \$8.50.

\$10.00, \$12.00. B. Williams & Co

Dr. Chase's New Receipt Book, cloth bound, 500 pages, retail price \$1.00, sent to any address in Canada or U.S. except of 50 cents and this coupon. Edmaston, Bates & Co., Toronto. 31.

Letters to the Editor.

That Committee.

